

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

(Under the Management of EDWIN GRACE.)
FIRST CHANGE OF PROGRAMME,
WEDNESDAY (TO-NIGHT) WEDNESDAY
SECOND SERIES OF LONDON
ATTRACTIONS.
NEW TRICKS. "Smarter than ever."
ENTIRELY NEW PICTURES
New and up-to-date. [NEW PICTURES
In fact To-night's Entertainment will prove
EVEN MORE FASCINATING,
MYSTIFYING AND AMUSING THAN
THE ORIGINAL.
First presentation of the Great Illusion.
NOAH'S ARK
Second Edition of the truly
MARVELOUS AND UNPOUNDED
CINEMATOPHAGE.
SEE—TO-NIGHT—SEE
A Call on the London Fire Brigade
GRECO-TURKISH WAR
(A Gun Boat in Full Action)
20—New and Startling Subjects—20
INCLUDING, AT 11 P.M.,
Under the distinguished patronage
and in the presence of the public of Hongkong,
WHICH WILL BE RUN
THE PRINCE OF WALES DERBY
Midnight excitement and grand
PERSIMMON WINS! PERSIMMON WINS!!
PRIZES: Circle 3s, Stalls 2s, Pit 1s.
Soldiers Sailors (in uniform) half price to Pit
Plan at ROBINSON PLANO CO.
"Trans for Peak" each evening fifteen minutes
after performance.
Doors 8.15. Start at 9. Finish 11.15.
GRAND SPECIAL MATINEE NEXT
SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
Doors Open 4. Performance at 4.30.
ILLUMINATED DAILY PERFORMANCE.
Children 50 cents to any part of the Theatre.
HARRY LYONS, Advance Agent.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1898. (439)
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

DURING my temporary absence from the
Colony Mr. H. P. WADMAN will act as
Secretary.
By Order of the Board, W. H. RAY, Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1898. (442)
HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE USUAL EASTER MEETING OF THE
ASSOCIATION is unavoidably postponed
and will be held at WATSON'S DISPENSARY.
There will be a SPOON COMPETITION on
SATURDAY, the 6th instant.
RANGES, 200 and 300 yards.
ENTRANCE, 30 cents.
A. CHAPMAN, Acting Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1898. (435)
"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "MACDUFF"
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject
to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented
to the Underwriter on or before the 12th
instant, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 12th instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODD, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1898. (447)
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "PRINZ HEINRICH."

THE above named steamer having arrived,
Consignees of cargo are hereby informed
that their goods, with the exception of Opium,
Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and
stored at their risk into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject
to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on TUESDAY, the 12th, and THURSDAY,
the 14th instant, at 9 A.M.
All claims must reach us before the 20th
instant, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1898. (446)

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.
SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and
LADIES' Lodgings.
All Large Companies should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897.

Intimations.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPONSIBLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.



A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply
the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the grapes and are not
artificially made from raisins and
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap
Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brand,
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us. Is the
Colony from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897.

The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Even if there is not to be war, there is
excitement enough, and almost as much
disturbance of trade and unsettlement of
confidence. There is also a feverish boom
in market prices of all commodities useful
in war, especially coal and rice—and
news. The supply is unequal to the demand.

Commodore Dewar, in command of the
United States squadron in the East, has
purchased for his Government from
Messrs. BRADLEY & Co. the Hongkong-
Bangkok liner *Nanshan*, with a cargo of
3,000 tons of Cardiff coal newly arrived
from Singapore, for \$32,000 sterling. She is
to be used as a coaling-tender to the
U. S. fleet in case of war. Another
merchant steamer is to be bought
in two or three days, for transport service.
The U. S. Revenue cutter *McClure* from
San Francisco and the cruiser *Baltimore*
from Honolulu will soon be here.

The *Vladimir Monomach* leaves Hongkong
for the north in day or two, and the
Imperial, it is reported, will follow her.
Our special telegrams, which we ourselves
hesitated to believe absolutely, are con-
firmed on every hand. England is making
a firm stand, leaving Wel-hal-wel and
Russia; a very bad bargain altogether
unworthy all the talk that has been
wasted over it by British Parliamentary
orators.

The *Siam Free Press* is working itself up
into a frantic state of excitement, as French
papers are wont to do—for it is now
owned and conducted by a Frenchman,
instead of a renegade Englishman in
French employ as before. We congratulate
M. CHALANT on his linguistic skill; we
cannot congratulate him on anything else.
To everlastingly rail and gird at the
Government of Siam may be justified,
perhaps; but it must grow wearisome to
readers of the paper, if there are any.
There is too much sameness about the
vituperation and vilification of the King,
and of his people, and of everything that
is Siamese, or British, in fact everything
that is not French.

We English have a few faults, per-
haps; at any rate let us pretend we
have, just for the sake of argu-
ment. Well, do we find it an in-
teresting pastime to have these faults
served up hot and cold, roasted, boiled,
baked, fried, grilled, soured, stewed,
hashed, minced, curried, faked into "resur-
rection pie," and finally boiled up into
bouillon with stale condiments, as our so-called
morning, noon, and night, with the same
as a snack between meals? Once in a
while, we like the dish; but we also like
some other fare between whiles. If this
Bangkok Bazaar would put something
interesting in its paper sometimes, it
would help to make the other stuff go.
(This is a journalistic dodge which we
ourselves use with some success.) At
present, the *Free Press* is simply dull. The
Siamese, like the Japanese, get angry at
such abuse; but to get angry is just the
way not to stop it. If the Government
could not bring themselves to calmly
ignore the hysterical threat, they should
engage the sharpest satirist they could get
and laugh themselves to death. What
they have done is to play right into the
Frenchman's hand.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

London, April 6th.
China has conceded the British demand for
the lease of Wel-hal-wel when the Japanese
evacuate that port. It is believed that Japan
is favourable to the scheme.
[Our special telegram from Shanghai yesterday
evidently did not deserve the doubt we cast
upon it. This may be regarded as the best
we are to expect in the way of a set-off to the
permanent acquisition of Port Arthur and
Ta-lien-wan by Russia.—Ed. H.K.T.]

THE OPENING OF CHINA.
China has announced the opening of trade to
the three ports Fuzing, Yochow and Chingwang.
[This Chingwang must be the same place as the
"Chingwang-tao," in Fuzing district of Chihai
province," mentioned by our Telegrams cor-
respondent in a special telegram of Monday's
date. Yochow is at the junction of the Yangtze
lake with the Yangtze; and therefore a
Fuzing near Samsh Bay, a little north of
Fochow, Fokien province.]

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.
The Russian Ambassador has informed the
Sultan that 20,000 recruits for the Far East will
shortly traverse the Dardanelles in vessels of
the Volunteer fleet.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.
The Spanish and United States statements
express the gravest fears at the situation. Work
is continuing night and day on both armies and
navies. The Spanish army is ready for mobili-
zation at any moment.

PLAQUE STATISTICS.
During the 24 hours up to noon, 5th April,
19 new cases and 13 deaths from plague were
reported, making the total since 1st January (95
days) 266 cases and 243 deaths.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A MEETING of the Sanitary Board will be held
at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow.

INSPECTOR GILLIES raided No. 8 New Street
yesterday and arrested twenty men who were
gambling. They were brought before the Magis-
trate to-day, the compiler being fined \$75 and
the others \$3 each.

Mr. C. C. Platt, the late popular Private Sec-
retary to Sir W. Robinson, was a passenger for
home by the *Empress of China* to-day and
many of his friends were on board the ship
before her departure to bid him farewell.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., has kindly consented to
deliver his lecture before the Hongkong Odd
Volumes Society, upon "Vasco da Gama and
the discovery of the Sea route to India," in the
City Hall on Wednesday, the 13th of April, at
5.15 p.m. Commodore Holland, A.D.C., will
take the Chair. Ladies are invited and members
may ask their friends.

We have received, from the Equitable Life
Insurance Society of the United States, a hand-
some folding calendar, which would make an
artistic and elegant ornament for a bookshelf
or dressing room mantel. The Equitable is one of
the largest and best known institutions in the
world, and has a surplus of forty-three million
dollars (gold) as backing to its guarantees. The
Company has recently removed its Hongkong
agency to new offices at No. 9 Queen's Road
Central.

Mr. George T. Crook, late chief reporter of the
Daily Press, left for England to-day by the
C. P. R. liner *Empress of China* and a large
number of fellow-journalists and friends assem-
bled on board the ship to bid him *bon voyage*.
In the smoking room Mr. Crook's health was
drunk and all his old confederates joined most
heartily in wishing him *bon voyage* and a long
and prosperous career in the noble profession of
the newspaper man. As the journalistic launch
left the big white liner, the whistle was not going
to the tune of "cock-a-doodle doo" and the
party on board cheered their lunge to good
purpose in lustily cheering the homeward bound
scribe.

The appeals of Pang Kun Chi and Wong
Chuk Lim against the decision of Mr. Wode-
house, Police Magistrate, convicting them of the
offence of champing, was resumed at the
supreme Court to-day before the Full Court.
The judgment of the Police Magistrate was
reversed, but costs were not given to the
appellants. Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by
Mr. J. Hastings) appeared for the first appellant,
and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., (instructed by Mr.
C. D. Wilkinson) for the second; the Attorney
General, Mr. W. M. Goodman, (instructed by
the Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. L. Denney) appeared
for the respondent.

THE Hon. H. E. Wodehouse, who left to-day
by the *Empress of China* for home, had a
large number of friends on board to bid him
"good-bye" and Mr. Fung Wa Chuen and the
Hon. Wei A Yuen and a number of other lead-
ing Chinese residents came off in a private
launch to make their *adieux*. We were glad
to see that the worthy ex P. M. was look-
ing well and we wish him long life and good
health after his service in the East. Mr.
Wodehouse came out as a cadet in 1867 and
has seen service in most of the Government
departments. Since 1881 he has been Police
Magistrate and Coroner, and in that, as all
other offices he filled, he earned the respect of
every one. In former years Mr. Wodehouse was
an active member of the Victoria Recreation
Club and for some years acted as Hon. Sec. He
was a capable organizer and his services were
regarded as Hon. Secretary to the Hongkong
Commission in connection with the Indian and
Colonial Exhibition, for which he received his
C.M.G.

DEPARTURE OF HON. H. E. WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.

ADDRESS FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNITY.

A number of the leading Chinese of the colony
assembled in the small court at the Magistrate's
residence to deliver a farewell address to Hon.
H. E. Wodehouse from the Chinese community.
Mr. Fung Wa Chuen said:—Mr. Wodehouse,
sir, I have a duty to perform to-day which at
the same time affords me pleasure and regret. I
am as a just and upright magistrate knowing
neither fear nor favour and your fine judgment
has ever stood you in good stead in dealing with
the cases that came before you. The Chinese,
from the highest to the humblest, always knew
that they would have full consideration and a
patient hearing from you and they desire
now to express their good feeling towards you,
and I ask your acceptance of the following
address which I shall now read (Applause).
"Farewell address to the Hon. Henry Ernest
Wodehouse, C.M.G., from the Chinese Com-
munity of Hongkong."
"Hongkong, April 5, 1898."
"Sir, in view of your approaching departure
from the colony, we, the undersigned, repre-
sentatives of the Chinese community of Hongkong
desire to mark our very hearty appreciation of
the manner in which for so many years you have
discharged the duties of the office of Chief Police
Magistrate of the Colony. Those duties, we know,
were arduous, difficult and highly responsible
but you brought to them a tact and a knowl-
edge of law and human nature that admirably
fitted you for the satisfactory carrying out there-
of. Magisterial functions in a colony like this
must be beset with many difficulties but your
kindly consideration and patience and your
strong and earnest desire for the proper admi-
nistration of justice to all classes, rich and poor
alike, have made you very many friends amongst
our countrymen. As a just, thoroughly conscientious
and humane gentleman, we shall always
remember you with the kindest of thoughts.
Not alone in the Magisterial office, but in the
Government of the colony you have rendered
valuable service as Colonial Treasurer, Acting
Colonial Secretary, Coroner and Superintendent of
the Hongkong Fire Brigade and it is no little
thing when we say we deeply regret your
departure. We ask your acceptance of this
address and trust that it will always call to your
mind the respect and esteem with which you are
held in the Far East. In conclusion, sir, we beg
to assure you of our most cordial good wishes
for yourself, Mrs. Wodehouse and family, and
trust that all prosperity and happiness may be
yours and that you may long be spared to enjoy
the reward your services here have so well
earned.

We have the honour to be, sir,
yours most truly,
Here follow the signatures (about 300).
The address is printed on vellum in colour
and each page has a rich green and gold border.
It is bound in sage green plush and a silver
ribbon bears the recipient's name etc. At each
corner of the cover are clasps in the shape of
silver dragons in filigree work, helping to give
the album a very handsome appearance.

Mr. Fung Wa Chuen then handed the address
to Mr. Wodehouse.
Mr. Wodehouse:—Mr. Fung Wa Chuen, and
gentlemen, I do not know of anything that could
have given me greater pleasure than to receive
this address at your hands, at the close of my
term of office in this Colony. As you say, sir, for
long time, many years past, I have been con-
nected with the administration of justice in this
Colony, and you well pointed out the difficulties
which are connected with the performance of these
duties. I am painfully aware how strange some
of our laws and some of our regulations must be
to a Community like the Chinese, who have
been brought up to a different state of things
and under different auspices. Nothing that you
could have done could have given me greater
pleasure than the presentation of this address
coming, as you say it does, from a representative
body of the Chinese community. I am ex-
ceedingly grateful to you for it. It is most kind
of you to make the law in which I am engaged
discharge their duty. You will believe me that
one and all of us are most anxious to do our
duty. As you are aware when taking the oath
of office, we take our oath as follows, that we
shall bear no favour nor ill will to any, and that
we shall be actuated by a sense of
duty and impartiality. I am afraid in many
cases the decision of magistrates appeared to you
strange and erroneous but I assure you that
thoughts are made not through injustice but
through ignorance and we are glad to be in-
structed with which they had to deal. I was
yesterday saying a few words to the Police
in this Colony and I pointed out to them that
British rule in this Colony deals most closely
with the Chinese population through the Police
and the Magistrate. At every point of your lives
they touch you somewhere or other. If you
have a complaint to make against other persons
it is the magistrate to whom you apply and if
you have any assistance to obtain it is to the
Police you refer. I believe the relations between
the Police and the magistrate have always been
harmonious and it is a pleasure to me, in the
presence of the Chinese who have been for-
ward to say farewell to me, to express
my gratitude to the Police for the able
assistance that they have always given to the
magistrate. (Applause) I am glad to say that
it is not often incumbent for you gentlemen to put
in an appearance at the Magistrate, and if you
have occasion to do so, I am sure that you will
find the inspectors and police are most obliging
and greatly assist the magistrate to deal out
justice. It is essential that in this large com-
munity the greatest confidence should exist
between the community and the magistrate.
What you have said to me to-day is the con-
fidence of the Chinese not only to me but to those
who have assisted me during the time I have
been here. (Applause) I can also tell that
although our laws may be strange to you
and at times touch closely what you
consider domestic or private affairs, yet at the
same time you show success regard for the
institutions. You enjoy liberty here and far I
hope that you enjoy it contentedly (Applause).
Magistrates make no distinction between one
nationality and another and we are most desirous,
whether the complainant may be Chinese
or European, and whether the defendant may
be Chinese or European, that the decision given
may be not in accordance with what justice
in the case requires. The address of yours to me
so far as I am individually concerned, I am
painfully conscious, far exceeds my merits and
what I deserve, yet at the same time I am ex-
ceedingly grateful to you to have thought of me
in this way. There is no parting gift I shall
return so much as the one I have received from
you to-day. With these words, gentlemen, I
will wish you farewell, and I am most happy
indeed to be the recipient of this handsome ad-
dress from your hands.

Mr. Fung Wa Chuen then called for three
cheers and a Uger for Mr. and Mrs. Wodehouse
and family which were rendered most heartily by
the community.

MR. WODEHOUSE AND THE POLICE.

At the Magistrate's last Monday afternoon Mr.
Wodehouse spoke some parting words to the
officers and men whom he had invited to meet
him. He spoke of the important duties of the
police and their contact with the Chinese popu-
lation; the police, he said, were the real ex-
ponents of British rule, and the police were the
executive officers, were the exponents of the law
with whom the Chinese more especially came
in contact. The positions of the Magistrate and
the police were not the highest ones, and yet
they were the officers who more particularly
had to do with the Chinese and he thought it
was most important that they should impress
on the Chinese the equity and purity of British
rule. During his occupancy of the Bench he
had always found the police inspectors ready to
consult him when in doubt and he too, when in
doubt, asked their opinions and so they were
better able to get at the merits of a case. Re-
ferring to what he called "the unfortunate occur-
rence of last year," he said he hoped that now
the matter had been settled it would be the last
affair of the kind in the force. They must remem-
ber that though a constable's pay was small his
position was an honourable one and while they
discharged their duties faithfully and related
complaints they were doing a great service to the
community. As to the municipal and other regu-
lations, he said that the present Superintendent of police
had ordered their enforcement with due tact and
regard to Chinese ideas and thoughts and these
officers had done so. In conclusion Mr. Wode-
house was much affected and said that he was
extremely sorry to have to say good-bye and he
was very sorry he was leaving them.

Chief Inspector Mackie replied for the oc-
cupants of the Bench for his kind remarks.
He had always taken a great interest in the force
and rendered much kindly assistance in its
official capacity. They were extremely sorry
to see him go, and he had to resign on account of ill health, and
they wished him good-bye, a pleasant voyage
home, and renewed health and long life to enjoy
his pension. (Applause).

CAREL BERTZ.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME TO-NIGHT.

At the Theatre Royal this evening Mr. Carl
Bertz, assisted by Miss D'Alton, will present
their first complete change of programme, which
will no doubt serve to attract another large
audience. In addition to a complete series of
fresh sleight of hand tricks, for which the clever
conjurer is so famous, we are to witness the first
presentation of the latest and most mystifying
illusion entitled "Noah's Ark," whilst in addition
that charming young vocalist Miss D'Alton
will be heard in several new ballads.
In the cinematograph a complete series of fresh
and startling subjects will be shown. Owing to
the Easter holidays there will be no performance
on Thursday and Friday, but two performances
will take place on Saturday, at the main entrance
children will be admitted to any part of the hall
at the small charge of fifty cents, a sum that will
no doubt be largely availed of. Seats may be
secured for Saturday evening at Robinson Piano
Company.

LICENSING COURT.

A session of Justices of the Peace was held
at the Magistrate's yesterday to deal with licen-
sing applications. Capt. Hastings, R.M. pre-
sided and there were also present Rev. R. F.
Cobbold, Messrs. E. Mitchell, C. Ladd, and C.
W. Duggan.

The application of Jas. W. Osborne for per-
mission to transfer his license for the Bay View
Hotel to Henry Williams was granted.
The transfer of the license of Mrs. M. Lohr
for the Kowloon Hotel, to Jas. W. Osborne was
also allowed.

Arthur Henry Harper applied for a license
to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the
premises situate at Nos. 243 and 244, Queen's
Road Central, under the sign of "The Sports-
man's Arms."

The President said there were no objections
from the Police.
Mr. Justice said he thought he would like to
object to any license which was given to a person
already. Although it was in another case it
might mean the same people and if not they
could do without it.

Mr. Bowley, who appeared for the applicant,
said it was a license for two out of the three
places formerly let to Hock Goon. The present
applicant had no connection with those people
and they had left for Queen's Road East. The
police had full information on the subject and
they knew the applicant had agreed to take a
lease from the owner and that he had nothing
to do with the Hock Goon. Mr. Justice said
an excellent character, he was an Englishman
and had been in the Royal Navy for a number
of years and had an excellent character. He
obtained his discharge to take over the Sig
Hotel which he managed for 18 months with
success and he had left it to make this applica-
tion. It was practically a transfer of license as
it had been in existence for many years and he
thought there was no ground for a refusal, as it
would deprive the landlord of a valuable asset
in the way of rent. One house, the Travellers,
had already been closed and the number was
reduced by one.

The matter was then discussed with closed
doors and after Chief Inspector Mackie had
been called in, it was announced that the applica-
tion was refused.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

Approved in the Fourteenth Annual Report,
for presentation to the shareholders at the
twenty-sixth ordinary general meeting, to be
held in the Company's office, Singapore, on
Tuesday, 12th April, at noon:—
Your Directors beg to submit the annual
balance sheet for the year ended 31st December,
1897.

The accounts have been audited at the
exchange of 2/6 per dollar.
1897.—The net premiums for the year amount
to \$742,669.56 (\$742,669.56) on which claims
have been settled up to 31st December last
amounting to \$335,776.55 (\$335,776.55).
Commission and expenses amount to \$119,719.52
(\$119,719.52). The balance carried forward is
\$29,173.45 (\$29,173.45).
1898.—The settlements on account of 1896
and previous years amount to \$777,878.62
(\$777,878.62). To meet the deficiency on this
account, the sum of \$10,000 has been trans-
ferred from the reserve fund and reserve for
exchange and investment fluctuation, and of
this sum \$3,000 is carried to underwriting
reserve to meet further claims on account of
1896 and previous years. The balance of \$347.66
(\$347.66) is carried forward.
Interest on investments amounts to \$50,332.74
(\$50,332.74).

On their departure from the Colony, Messrs.
D. W. Lovell, P. C. Hoynck van Papendrecht,
and Leo Cheng Yan resigned. Mr. W. W. Mac-
farlane was appointed in the place of Mr. P. C. Hoynck
van Papendrecht.

In accordance with the provisions of Clause
No. 105 of this Company's Articles of Associa-
tion, Mr. A. W. Slade and Mr. W. W. Macfarlane
were appointed to the place of Mr. P. C. Hoynck
van Papendrecht.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.
The Chairman (Mr. R. M. Gray) said:—Gentle-
men, in accordance with our usual custom I
propose that the report of the committee and the
Secretary's account, which have been in your
hands for several days, be forthwith taken into
consideration. The report, as you will have seen,
is a fairly wide range of subjects, many of which
require no further comment from me. We have
not in every instance progressed with the rapidity
which we might desire, more especially in
regard to questions affecting trade with the
interior of China; but even here some advance
has been made and it is becoming apparent
that the Chinese nation, after marking time in
the march of events for centuries, will sooner or
later have to fall in to quick step with her neigh-
bours. That this may come with respect to
debtors to be wished, but whether the result be
immediate or not, it is evident that affairs in the
empire of China are undergoing a transformation
which radically affects the position of trade, and
will mark an epoch in history. That the finan-
cial necessities of the Government will prove to
be the true key to open the door of this country
to increased freedom of trade by the alteration of
the present provincial fiscal system seems more
than probable, and, under the circumstances, ad-
vices to the interior is expected to increase in every
reason to expect an increased volume of foreign
trade. What we want, and that we must strive
to obtain, is a fixed reasonable tariff of inland
taxation, to that we shall know where we stand,
and our merchandise not be subject to the capri-
cious exactions of every provincial official. It
may seem invidious to ascribe the development
of trade with China to this cause rather than to
the desire for carrying out her treaties made
with foreign powers, but the mastery methods
so long employed by the officials to evade some
of the terms of these treaties, and so well known
that it would be idle to refuse to record the
real misapprehension of the present changing attitude.
This is no disparagement of our diplomatic and
consular representatives. Quite the contrary.
They have been extremely active and energetic
during the years in taking up all questions relating
to foreign trade, and if the wind in Peking sets
in this direction they may be depended upon to
refer to the attention of Sir Claude Mac Donald
in Peking, who, while on the subject, is un-
derstandingly at the same time to which we are
service to the country to which he is accredited.
We have to thank him for the promptitude with
which he has attended to our communications on
the local question, and for having favourably
considered our views when we addressed him.
We are also much indebted to Mr. Brown, H.M.
Consul-General in Canton, for his advice and
assistance which he has been always ready to
give, and which have greatly aided the Com-
mittee in arriving at conclusions on various oc-
casions when we have appealed to him. In local
questions our efforts have met with success, al-
though perhaps not of a showy description.
First in order of time is the reduction of the
light dues to the amount levied before the im-
position of the special Gap Rock light tax. As
you may remember, our late Governor, before
whom at the time loomed a probable deficiency
in the Budget, was inclined to listen to the voice
of the chamberlain, and while professing to redeem
his predecessor's pledge to the colony by abol-
ishing the special tax at once, he was actually
re-imposing it in the form of a permanent addi-
tion to the light dues. Fortunately for the colony
the Secretary of State recognized the good policy
of honestly redeeming the unconditional promise
made by Sir William Devereux. His Chamber-
lain has, however, left the door open to an in-
crease of taxation on shipping should the finan-
cial state of the colony be justified in requiring it,
and it behoves this Chamber, unless it should
enter after the present venture, to be prepared to
meet any attempt to re-impose it, to undermine
the freedom of the port by the re-imposing of
shipping in any shape or form. That this com-
mittee should take a retrograde step of this de-
scription when our neighbours in Macao have wisely
abolished port dues would indeed be an anomaly.
You will see that we have had some correspon-
dence with the Naval Authorities in reference to
the seaward extension of the Royal Naval
Dockyard. We were glad to receive assurance
that this reclamation will not affect the fair-
way, and that if there is any serious sitting up
along the New Fringe the Admiralty will
probably apply a remedy. We had hoped
for a definite promise in reference to the
latter contingency, which we have reason to
think extremely likely to occur, and we still
hope that Commodore Holland's conditional
expression on this point will be fully redeemed
if necessary. Another subject not remote from
the foregoing is the arrangement and erection
of the new Government piers along the Fringe.
As you are aware, the Committee in November
last, responding to an invitation from the
Governor, submitted a plan to the Admiralty
for the Chamber on the Special Committee ap-

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KAWACHI MARU	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT)	THURSDAY, 7th April, at 4 P.M.
MAISUYAMA MARU	Kobe and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 14th April, at 4 P.M.
RIOJUN MARU	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 19th April, at Noon
TAMBA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 28th April, at 4 P.M.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1898.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

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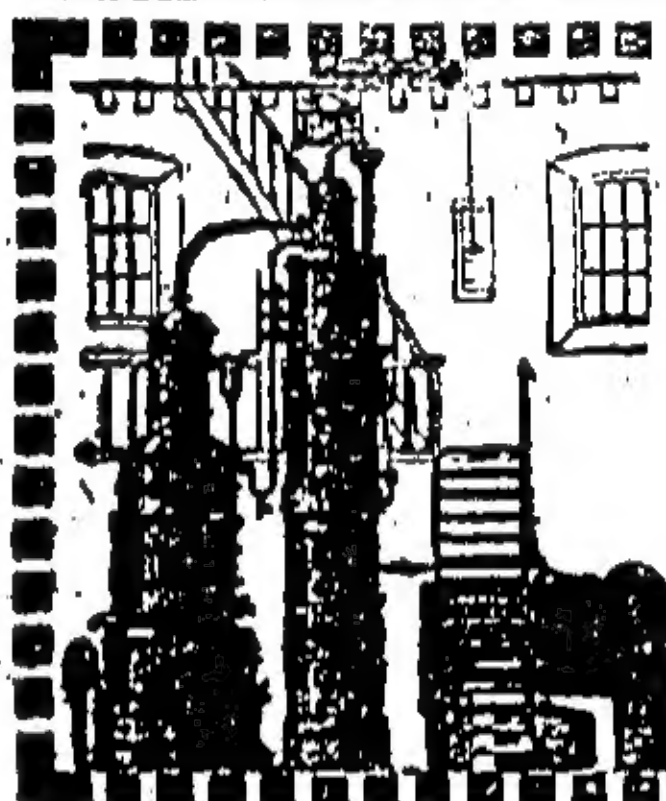
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Notice of Firms.

MITSU BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA.
(MITSU BISHI COMPANY).

NOTICE.

DURING the absence of the Underigned Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE will act as Agent for the above named Company.

H. U. JEFFRIES, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1898. [460]

NOTICE.

MR. ARTHUR LYMAN MACGOWAN is authorized to sign our Firm in HONGKONG & SWATOW by procuration from this date.

BRADLEY & Co.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1898. [463]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from HONGKONG, Mr. D. W. CRADDOCK will assume Charge of this Company's Business.

D. E. BROWN, General Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1898. [473]

NOTICE.

I have authorized Mr. F. W. HALL, from this date to sign my name in HONGKONG by procuration.

G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1898. [475]

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL S. N. CO.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr. A. M. MARSHALL will be in charge of the COMPANY'S business at this port.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1898. [476]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship"HAITAN."
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at 10 A.M.For Freight or Passage apply to
DOUGLAS LIPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1898. [478]FOR SYDNEY VIA THURSDAY ISLAND AND TOWNSVILLE.
THE British Steamship"JACOB CHRISTENSEN."
Captain J. B. Carpenter, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at 3 P.M.For freight, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS,
Agent.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1898. [479]

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.THE Steamship
"MACDUFF."
Captain Thomson, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 8th proximo.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [487]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)THE Steamship
"MENMUIR."
Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 9th prox. at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1898. [491]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR TIENTSIN.THE Company's Steamship
"NANCHANG."
Captain Flitson, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 11th instant, at 3 P.M.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1898. [481]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"BENALDER."
Pottier, Master, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 11th April.To be followed by
S.S. "CLAYBURN" on or about 19th April.
S.S. "MERIONTHSHIRE" on or about 3rd May.S.S. "QUEEN MARGARET" on or about 17th May.
S.S. "ST. NINIAN" on or about 31st May.
S.S. "CRAIGHEARN" on or about 14th June.For Freight, &c., apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1898. [372]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"IXION."
Captain Nish, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 13th instant.For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1898. [477]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"GLENSHIRE."
Captain Jones, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 13th instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1897. [480]

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"LENNOX."
will be despatched as above on or about 26th April.S.S. "ENERGIA" on or about 5th May.
S.S. "MACDUFF" on or about 25th May.
S.S. "AFRIDI" on or about 5th June.
S.S. "PATHAN" on or about 15th June.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1898. [63]

SAILING VESSELS.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE British Bark
"WEST YORK."
W. L. Foster, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1898. [352]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 100 A 1 British Ship
"IMBERHORNE."
Lever, Master, shortly expected here, will load for the above port and will have quick despatch.For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. [414]

Mails.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and
AMERICAN PORTS).THE Steamship
"CHUSAN."
Captain E. Street, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for
BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 16th April,
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the
above Ports.Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and
Tea for London (under arrangement) will be
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding
direct to Marseilles and London.Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.Shippers are particularly requested to note the
terms and conditions of the Company's Bills
of Lading.For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1898. [5]

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,
AND YOKOHAMA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.
FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.Tacoma... 2,540 | A. Dixon... April 19
Victoria... 3,167 | J. Fruehling... May 10
Olympia... 1,691 | T. H. Dobson... May 31
Astoria... 5,163 | J. Vantor, R.N.R. | June 14ALSO
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION
COMPANY.Argyll... 2,907 | W. Ward... April 26
Bosmaer... 3,601 | E. Foster... June 4
Mogul... 2,363 | W. H. Wright... June 18
Columbia... 2,605 | A. Gow... July 9THE attention of Passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by this Line,
HONGKONG TO LONDON, &c.Excellent accommodation. First-class Table,
DOCTOR and STEWARDSS carried.HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, &c.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on
the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery
of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passen-
gers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first
class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.HONGKONG TO TACOMA, &c.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Service.Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific
Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United
States Ports.Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland,
Or. (whichever may be the destination of the
Steamer).Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address
marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to
sailing.For further information apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1898. [4]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT,
BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL
PLACES IN RUSSIA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)Prins Heinrich... Wednesday | 27th April.
Prinzess... Wednesday | 25th May.
Sachsen... Wednesday | 22nd June.
Bayern... Wednesday | 20th July.
Prins Heinrich... Wednesday | 17th Aug.
Darmstadt... Wednesday | 14th Sept.
Prinzess... Wednesday | 12th Oct.
Bayern... Wednesday | 9th Nov.
Prins Heinrich... Wednesday | 4th Jan. 99.ON WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of April,
1898, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship
"PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Coppers
with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE
and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling
at NAPLES and GENOA.Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on
Monday, the 26th April. Cargo and Specie
will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY
the 26th April, and Parcels will be received at
the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the
26th April. Contents of Packages are required.
No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than
\$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet
Cubic in Measurement.The Steamer has splendid Accommodation;
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.For further Particulars apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1898. [314]

Mails.

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Twin Screw Steamships—4,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. F. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 27th April, 1898.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 18th May, 1898.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY.THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA
OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12
DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection
at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN
PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE
ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax,
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Continent are given choice of.Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return
tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military,
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(second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS
(the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition),
and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the
Railway passes.THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by
the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Paddar's Street.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1898.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIEN-
TAL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
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MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doris (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 19th April, at Noon.

Belgit (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 10th May, at Noon.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 28th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship
"DORIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND
SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU on
TUESDAY, the 19th April, at Noon.Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,
and passengers are allowed to break their
journey at any point en route.Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the
United States or Canada. Rates may be
obtained on application.Passengers holding through ORDERS to
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail
Routes from San Francisco, including the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO
GRANDE, and the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAIL-
WAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the
regular tariff rate.Particulars of the various routes can be
had on application.Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to
Government officials and their families.Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice
versa) within one year, will be allowed a dis-
count of 10 per cent. This allowance does not
apply to through fares for China and Japan
to Europe.All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received at
the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day
previous to sailing.Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1898. [3]

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AND GENERAL COMMISSION
AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

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and
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WHISKY, &c.EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK.

REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1898. [19]

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Amoy, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 9th April, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 30th April, at Noon.

Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 19th May, at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,
INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU
on SATURDAY, the 9th April, at Noon,
taking States, and Passengers and Freight for
Japan, the United States.Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,
and passengers are allowed to break their
journey at any point en route.Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the
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portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities
of the United States, via Overland Railways,
to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the
Company's, and connecting Steamers.Freight will be received on-board until 4 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will
be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day;
all Parcel Packages should be marked to ad-
dress in full; value of same is required.Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1898. [1]

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

AMERICAN CITIZENS residing in the
CONSUL DISTRICT OF CANTON, which
includes: SHANGHAI, WUKOW, MAO,
SWATOW, HOLOU, and PAKHOI,
REQUESTED to REGISTER at the Consulate
Office, generally by certificate setting forth
the date and place of birth and last residence
in the United States.The advantages of registration are obvious
and may prove of value in time of need.
There is no fee of charge for registration.EDWARD BEDDOR,
U.S. Consul.